GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:556
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2003
LAWS CONCERNING WOMEN
ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that several laws concerning women are outdated and ineffective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to review such laws and to make them more effective; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF REPLY TO PART (a), (b),(c) &(d) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 556 FOR 29.4.200 REGARDING LAWS CONCERNING WOMEN BY DR. M.P. JAISWAL AND SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN

(a),(b),(c)&(d) Laws concerning women are not outdated and ineffective. Review of laws is a continuing process. The implementation of laws concerning women is reviewed periodically, in consultation with State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and the National Commission for Women. As a result of such review, the following Acts were amended during the last three years.

(1) Indian Succession Act, 1925.

(2) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.

(3) The Indian Divorce Act, 1869.

(4) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (section relevant to Maintenance).

(5) The Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.

(6) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

(7) The Marriage Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001.